

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Drolet. (1/19)

Representative Accavitti made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2006, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5895 before the Committee.

HB 5895 Hoogendyk Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Representative Brian Palmer, State Representative 36th District

Scott Stevenson, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, in support

Randall Thompson, representing Freedom Works, in support

Harry Haasch, representing the Alliance for Community Media, in opposition

Mark Monk, representing the Michigan Chapter of the Alliance for Community Media, in opposition

Dale Geminder, representing Access Vision-Battle Creek Community Television, in opposition

Mike Schulte, representing the Communications Workers of America, in support

At this time, Representative LaJoy made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Moore. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Veronica Horn, representing the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, in support

William Campbell, representing the Senior Alliance, in support

Mercedes Toohey of Grand Rapids, in support

Jeffrey Wardford of Northville, in support

Klass Kwant, representing the Higher Education Television Authority of Grand Rapids, in opposition

Mike Nystrom, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, in support

Cards for HB 5895 were submitted by:

William Barnes, in support
Michael Branch, in support
Cindie Bucks, representing AT&T, in support
David DeAngel, in support
Marcos Dias, in support
Mark Elias, in support
Clifford Freitas, in support
Gary Hawthorne, in support
Ayana Hill, representing AT&T, in support
Michael Hilden, in support
Gregory Hills, in support
Henry Ivory, in support
Sherri Kessel, in support
David Killingsworth, in support
Brian Koos, in support
Lynn Meikle, representing the Meridian Township, HOM-TV, in opposition
Julia Ann Miller, in support
Booker Moon, in support
Dawn Nalepa, in support
Sharon Pergande, in support
Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, in support
Fernando Sanchez, Jr., in support
Jason Schewer, representing AT&T, in support
John Schwartz, in support
George Seifert, representing the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, in support
Charlotte Shepherd, in support
Rocal Van Hoost, in support
Dan Vargas, in support
Judy Wallace, in support
Frank Weathers, in support
Paul Williams, in support

Chair Nofs thanked all parties who provided testimony and/or written comments during the meetings held to allow input on HB 5895 and stated that the issue is of great importance and will continue to be worked on by the Committee.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:52 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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